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Ton LOGTENBERG et al.

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For: METHODS AND MEANS FOR SELECTING
PEPTIDES AND PROTEINS HAVING
SPECIFIC AFFINITY FOR A TARGET

Examiner: T. Wessendorf

REPLY AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Office action herein mailed December 1, 2003, the time for response to which was set to expire March 1, 2004, and for which a two-month extension of time is requested to extend the time for response from March 1, 2004 to May 1, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Careful consideration has been given to the grounds for rejection, and the following amendment and discussion are offered in response. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Also enclosed herewith are the following Exhibits:

Exhibit A: Middeldorp et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,424,398.

Exhibit B: ILLUSTRATED DICTIONARY OF IMMUNOLOGY 531 (2nd ed. 2003).

Exhibit C: Geysen et al., *J. Immunol. Methods* 102:259-74 (1987).

Exhibit D: Matsushita et al., *Infect. Immun.* 62:4034-42 (1994).

Exhibit E: Kelly et al., *Infect. Immun.* 63:3649-3658 (1995).